

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION
The Regular Commission Meeting
November 8, 2017; 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Roll Call:

Joanne Bandoni, exc. Lesa Buckland Linda Liedel Sue Taylor
Ellen Bennett Jennifer Helner, abs; Elizabeth Oliver

Others & Guest Introductions -

Staff: Abigail Wright-Geddes, Director; Erin Maten - Education

Guests: Roland Hwang, Nancy Darga, NV City Councilwoman,

Call to order: 7:01 p.m.; Establish quorum

Approval of Minutes: For October 11, 2017 minutes. First - Lesa B; 2nd - Ellen B; Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Officer Reports

Chairperson

First Friday reception - Small Works Exhibit was very successful with approximately 140 - 150 attendees. The art project in the lower level was also well received. NVAH artists, Jennifer Helner's and Amy Fell's Holiday cards with poem by our own Linda Liedel, are available in the store.

Vice Chairperson -- Volunteer Update - Ellen B; has suggested establishing a Teen Advisory Board for the Art House consisting of a facilitator and two students. Free & open to Juniors and Seniors in AP or IB programs at Northville high school. Ellen offered to follow up with NHS art instructors on the feasibility of this program in conjunction with the Art House.

In addition we hope to offer a scholarship to a Northville High School graduate who plans on obtaining an art degree in college or at the Center for Creative Studies. Scholarship criteria to be determined by scholarship committee and presented at the honors assembly in May at the high school. A formal application would be required. Fund raising for this project would be through the sale of T-shirts designed by Ellen B; "Be a Part of It".

Fifty percent of the funds from the t-shirt sales will be used for this scholarship program for a maximum of \$300 to this fund. Linda Liedel offered to fund the balance if \$300 toward the scholarship fund if not achieved through the this sale. Motion was made by Linda L; 2nd Liz O; to establish the scholarship and funds from sales of the shirts as follows: 50% to NHS scholarship fund (maximum \$300) and 50% to our in house children's classes. Passed by unanimous voice vote. Ellen B will order T-shirts which we plan to debut and have available at Cantoro's "Art Crush" fundraiser on February 10, 2018.

Financials - Through October 31, our revenue is \$23,993 and expenses were \$33,649 leaving a negative balance of \$9,655. Focus should be on continuing to increase revenue through fundraisers, programming and other sources, such as increasing memberships, improving Arts & Acts and developing additional fundraisers.

The Friends of the Northville Art House has dissolved the 501c3. Monies from the Friends has been transferred to the Northville Art House regular account and staff will oversee our Membership program with the aim of growing it. The State of Michigan has been notified of the dissolution of the Friends of the Northville Art House 501c3.

Budget amendment approved by unanimous voice vote with Linda L; 1st and Lesa 2nd.

Committee Reports

Exhibits - (next meeting November 15, 7:00 p.m. Our present exhibit looks outstanding thanks to our exhibit chair, Ryan Kaltenbach's outstanding presentation.

Other Business:

Administrative Report - Abbey is looking into increasing our rental fees. The membership criteria update was evaluated. Another membership level will be added at the \$500.00 level.

We have been selected by the Friends of the Rouge River for a Rain Garden in our back yard area. Abbey is setting up a meeting with them and asked for interested participants. Ellen, Linda and Sue are interested in attending the design meeting

The Art House received a grant from the Community Foundation of Northville.

Fundraising Projects - Winter Fundraiser "Art Crush" - Cantoro's on February 10th at \$60.00 per ticket. Several interesting happenings for that night are in the making including a "wine grab" and a "silent auction."

Programming/Store Update - Erin is busy doing our winter class brochure. We now have three grade schools - Silver Springs, Thornton Creek, and Amerman involved in our after school art program. A fourth school, Moraine will begin in January.

The store continues to be a welcoming entry to the Art House. Most artist's have their items available there for three months.

Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.

Announcements:

Volunteer Needs:

December First Friday, December 1, 2017: Small Works!

Food/Drink:

5:30-7:30 (Set up): Lesa, Liz O;

7:30-9:30 (Clean up & **Lock up**):

Next NAC Meeting: Cancelled for holiday social on 12/13/17.

Holiday gathering at the home of Sue and Bob Taylor @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved January 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth S. Oliver